



GOOD SHEPHERD

Catholic Church

Today's Hymn Board	
Readings	1177
Gathering	653
Gloria	403
Psalm	1177
Acclamation	414
Gifts	797
Acclamations	469f
Communion	893
Dismissal	848

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Mass Schedule

Saturday 5pm, Sunday 10:30am, Wednesday 9am

Confessions

Confessions are suspended at this time.

Baptism

Please call the office as soon as possible at 816-532-4344. Baptismal prep for the parents is required for first child.

First Penance/First Eucharist

Contact Tessa Rielley in the parish office.

* Children who are to prepare for the sacraments of Penance, Eucharist, or Confirmation must have completed the prior year of religious education.

High School Confirmation

Contact Tessa Rielley in the parish office.

Marriage

Please consult with pastor at least nine months before anticipated marriage. Must be registered for one year prior to initial contact with pastor.

RCIA (Christian Initiation of Adults)

Contact Ron Sondag in the parish office.

Parish Council

President - Teresa Fantasma

Vice President - Connie Hill

Secretary - Sharmila McCauley

Members-at-large - Renee Johnson, Joe Albers, Charlotte Albers, Barb

Pruett, Mary Ann Armstrong, Shane Alexander, Glenn Harmon, Erin & Alex

Yendrek, Roxanne & Tony Ratzloff

Finance Council

Chairperson - Lee Ann Fadler

Mario Fantasma, Scott Ready, Mike Thompson

Altar Society

President - Polly Harter

Vice President - Helen Smith

Social time 6:30 to 7pm

Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7pm.

Knights of Columbus

Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7pm. Call John Wise (816-532-0703) or go to www.kofc9272.com for more info.

Mass Intentions

For the week of May 24

Saturday, May 23 5:00pm	Addie Bartolo
Sunday, May 24 7:30am 10:30am	(No Mass) Our Parish Catechumen and Candidates: Jason, Micah, Ed
Monday, May 25 (No Mass)	(No Mass)
Tuesday, May 26 9:00am	(No Mass)
Wednesday, May 27 9:00am	(Open)
Thursday, May 28 9:00am	(No Mass)
Friday, May 29 9:00am	(No Mass)
Saturday, May 30 5:00pm	Our Parish Catechumen and Candidates: Jason, Micah, Ed
Sunday, May 31 7:30am 10:30am	(No Mass) Intentions of the Parish

Grateful Stewardship to God

May 10

Envelope	\$6514.00
Plate	\$0.00
Online Giving	\$4132.00
Children's Collection	\$0.00
Debt Reduction	\$1325.00

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankesj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

Ministry Schedules

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MAY 23/24

LECTOR

5:00 pm Terri Turner
10:30 am Erica Wilson

USHERS

5:00 pm Richard Boyle, Frank Kram, Greg Nelson, Shane Alexander
10:30 am Mario Fantasma, Vince Benedetto, Jeremy Wilson, Quinton Wilson

MUSICIANS

5:00 pm Ron Sondag, Valerie Ruehter
10:30 am Ron Sondag, Celeb Geniuk

Good Shepherd Calendar

SATURDAY, May 23

- Mass, 5pm

SUNDAY, May 24

- Mass, 10:30am

MONDAY, May 25

TUESDAY, May 26

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WEDNESDAY, May 27

- Mass, 9am

THURSDAY, May 28

-

FRIDAY, May 29

-

SATURDAY, May 30

- Mass, 5pm

SUNDAY, May 31

- Mass, 10:30am

For the monthly calendar, please visit the parish website: www.gscemo.org



**BENEATH
THE CROSS,
ONE LEARNS
TO LOVE.**

ST. PADRE PIO

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 24, 2020

- SUN 5/24 ASCENSION:** Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/
Mt 28:16-20
- 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER** Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]/1 Pt 4:13-16/
Jn 17:1-11a
- MON 5/25** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33
- TUE 5/26** Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
- WED 5/27** Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/
Jn 17:11b-19
- THR 5/28** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/
Jn 17:20-26
- FRI 5/29** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
- SAT 5/30 Morning:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf. 7b]/
Jn 21:20-25
- SUN 5/31 Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. **Extended Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex
19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56 [52b] or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/
Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24,
35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. **Day:** Acts
2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/
Jn 20:19-23

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 24, 2020

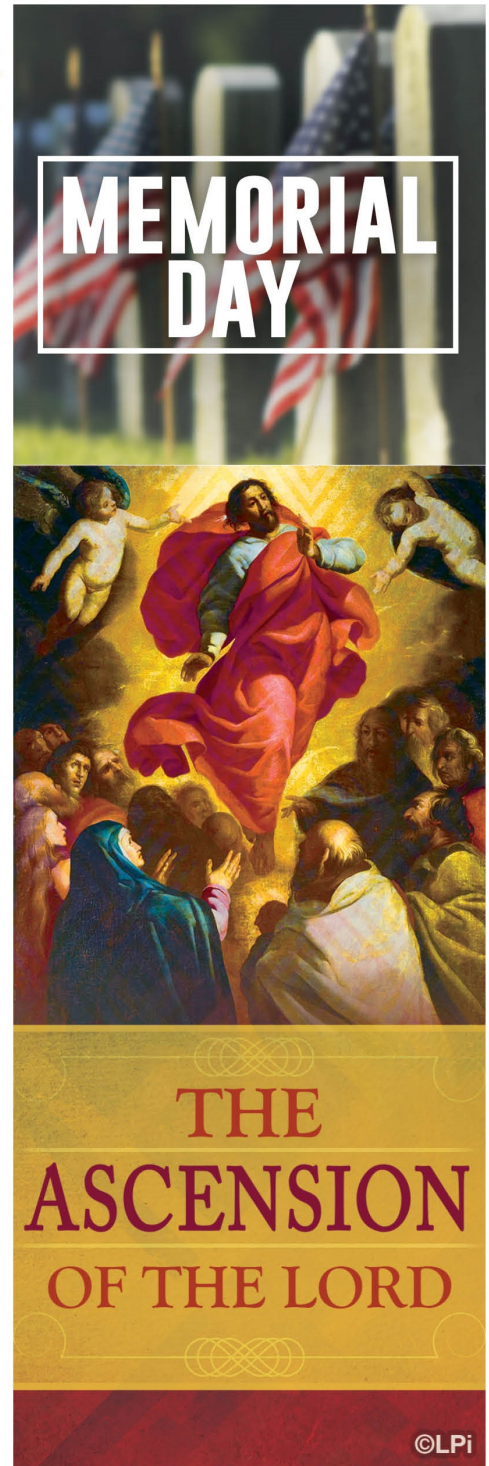
- Sunday:** The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter;
World Communications Day
- Monday:** St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory
VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin; Memorial Day
- Tuesday:** St. Philip Neri, Priest
- Wednesday:** St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
- Next Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Being real people of faith comes with a price. Have you ever been seen as unpopular, out of sync or peculiar because of your faith? St. Peter tells us, "If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you." If being a Christian comes easy for us, then we ought to rethink how we approach our faith. Developing habits of prayer, living in accord with the Gospel, setting time aside each week for the practice of our faith, seeing our relationship with Christ as the center and focus of our families all come with sacrifice. We are going to look differently than other folks and we ought to. We are going to find ourselves doing less of the things we are "supposed to do" and more of the things we know we "ought to do or want to do." This often means resisting secular tides and putting our boats into different waters. If this is what helps us know the one true God, then so be it. It also brings us to eternal life.

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020 | 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer. (Acts 1:14a)



PSALM

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living. (Ps 27) or Alleluia



SECOND READING

Rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly. (1 Pt 4:13)



GOSPEL

"I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began." (Jn 17:4-5)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What does faith and religion do for us? Ultimately, they remind us of some truths we conveniently forget: we are created by a loving God, we have imperfections, we sin, we need to be forgiven, we have a mission and a purpose, it's not just about us, and we hunger for the joy of salvation. These are human truths that are not dependent upon whether we like them. Ignoring them places us on the paths of comfort and satisfaction as we blindly pursue the busyness and superficiality of our empty lives. Instead of pursuing supernatural and lasting pleasure, we choose things that are easier and quicker to obtain: sex, drugs, travel, houses, cars, fame, popularity, self-achievement and satisfaction, physical enjoyment, and the like.

We may also find ourselves falling victim to more negative responses to what life brings us: anger, envy, lust, pride, gluttony, greed, and apathy. Human hearts can become so hardened to the truth that violence becomes the response of first choice. Being a Christian is hard! Yet, as Pope Francis reminds us, the Church needs to be a field hospital that has to be prepared to provide people with the remedy they need. What we need is Jesus Christ. The Church, with all of the glory of the sacraments, exists to help make Christ present and real for us. Once we find Christ, we find joy. Joy is a matter of the heart that is beyond pleasure and happiness. It is not found in some earthly satisfaction, only in Christ.

Once we accept that we are destined to be in Christ, then we will discover eternal life. Namely, "that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." It is easy to conveniently forget truth and pursue illusions immediately within our grasp, but at what price? A man celebrating 60 years of marriage remarked that it took so much effort and so many attempts to convince his wife that they were meant to be together. Even his friends told him he was foolish. He easily could have given up and pursued other interests. He chose to persevere and is so grateful that he made that choice because he now has a pearl of great price. Do we see a value in persevering in our faith regardless of the cost? If we don't take the risk, we could lose more than we know.

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**"Now glorify me, Father,
with you, with the glory that
I had with you before the
world began. I revealed your
name to those whom you
gave me out of the world.
They belonged to you, and
you gave them to me, and
they have kept your word."**

— Jn 17:5-6

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LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Those closest to Jesus in his life gathered together in the immediate aftermath of his resurrection and ascension. What sort of mixed emotions do you think they experienced?

Second Reading

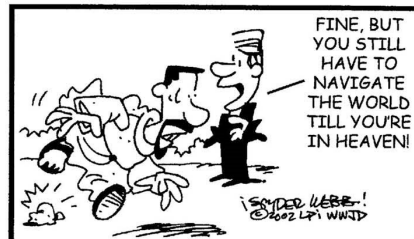
Peter encourages those who suffer for the faith to "glorify God." When have you experienced this type of redemptive suffering?

Gospel Reading

At the conclusion of his farewell discourse, Jesus offers a prayer of petition to the Father for his disciples. How do you find Jesus' words comforting?



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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